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Governor Huntsman Declares Flood Safety Week Mar. 16-20

Plan, Prepare and Be Aware

Salt Lake City - Governor Jon Huntsman has declared March 16 - 20 as Flood Safety Awareness Week in Utah, in conjunction with National Flood Safety Awareness Week. The Utah Department of Public Safety, the Federal Emergency Management Agency Region VIII, the four Utah chapters of the American Red Cross, and the Utah Department of Transportation will assist in the campaign effort led by NOAA's National Weather Service.

Floods can arrive without a moment's notice or with a slow creep. Regardless of how they arrive, they can have enough force to roll boulders the size of cars, destroy buildings and bridges, and take human lives.

The Flood Safety Awareness campaign's purpose is to educate the citizens of Utah on hazards associated with floods and flash floods, as well as what can be done to save lives and protect property.

Daily news releases and statements will be issued and broadcast on NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards during the week. Daily topics will include:

Tuesday: Terms and Definitions...What To Listen For

Wednesday: Safety Tips

Thursday: Flood Insurance

Friday: How to Prepare

A Flood Safety Awareness Week publication is posted on the following web sites:

- National Weather Service, Salt Lake City: <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/slc/wxsafety>
- National Weather Service, Grand Junction: <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/gjt>
- Utah Division of Homeland Security: <http://homelandsecurity.utah.gov>

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